

## Problems at the polls?

- **Q: What if I'm not on the list?**
- **A:** Ask the poll worker to double check. If you are certain you're registered to vote, and in the right location.
- **Q: What if I make a mistake on the ballot?**
- **A:** It happens. You can request a new ballot from the poll worker.
- **Q: What if someone tries to intimidate or harrass me?**
- **A:** Tell a poll worker. If a poll worker is the problem, tell a poll watcher, call your county auditor, or call one of the election hotline numbers.

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If you believe your rights have been violated or for more information, contact us at [aclund.org](http://aclund.org)

## QUICK TIPS

- Check your voter registration at least 30 days before the election.
- Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
- Consider voting early or absentee if possible. If you plan to vote at the polls, go in early in the day to avoid a last-minute rush.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Take your time.

## More information

- **North Dakota Secretary of State**  
[vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov)  
800-352-0867
- **Election Protection**  
866-687-8683
- **U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Voting Section**  
800-253-3931

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# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

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## GENERAL VOTING INFORMATION FOR ALL NORTH DAKOTANS:

- **Age requirement:** You must be 18 years old and a resident of your voting district 20 days prior to the election.
- **Students voting:** You can register at your school address or your home address, whichever you consider your primarily residence.
- **Voting with a criminal record :**
  - If you were convicted of a misdemeanor, you can vote, even if you are in jail.
  - If you were convicted of a felony, you can vote if you have finished your term of imprisonment. You cannot vote if you are in prison, but can if you have been charged with a crime and not convicted.
- **Voting when homeless:** You don't need a home to register, but you do have to identify a place of residence (which can be a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place where you usually stay). You must also provide a mailing address, such as a shelter or advocacy organization.
- **Voting with a disability:**
  - Call your county auditor right away and ask for accommodation or reassignment to an accessible polling place. All polling places are required to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - If you feel you cannot vote on the day of election, fill out an absentee ballot application and mail it to your county election official as soon as possible.
  - **If you need help at the voting booth:** If you need help because of a physical disability or because you have difficulty reading or writing in English, tell a poll worker when you get to the polling place. If you need instructions on how to use the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. They are *required* to help you anytime, even if you ask after entering the voting booth.
- **Moving and name changes:** You must update your registration every time you move or change your name.
  - You must be a resident of your voting precinct for 30 days prior to the election.

If you moved less than 30 days before the election, you will not be able to vote in the election.

- If you moved at least 30 days before the election and have updated your address on your I.D. you can vote in the election.
- **Note:** your I.D. is not required to have your current address on it, but you must have updated your address with the ND Department of Transportation.

### Voting Early

- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Yes, any person eligible to vote can do so, on or before Election Day by casting an absentee ballot or by casting a ballot in person at an early voting center.
- **How do I get an absentee ballot?** Absentee ballots are made available to military voters and their families stationed away from their North Dakota residence and residents residing overseas on the 46th day before the General Election. Absentee ballots for all other North Dakota residents are made available on the 40th day before the General Election.
- Applications for absentee ballots can be attained at [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov)

### Voting on Election Day

- **Election Day 2018:** Nov. 6, 2018, with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.
- **If you are running late:** You have the right to vote if you're in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.
- **Getting time off:** If your work schedule would make it practically impossible for you to vote in-person while the polls are open, your employer is required to give you time off to vote without penalty or deduction in your wages. You should ask your employer for time off before Election Day. Your employer has the right to specify which hours you get to take.
- **Polling location:** On Election Day you must

vote at your assigned polling place, which can be found at: [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov)

### Voter I.D. Laws

- **Identification:** All voters who appear at polling places must show proof of identification.
- **Bring an ID. Only three IDs are accepted at the polls:** a North Dakota driver's license, a North Dakota non-driver ID, or a tribal ID. Tribally issued identification can consist of a tribal ID card issued by the tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or any other tribal agency or entity, or a document, letter, writing, enrollment card, or other form of tribal identification issued by a tribal authority.
- **Your ID MUST have a residential address listed. P.O. boxes will not be accepted.** Residents without a street address should contact their county's 911 coordinator to sign up for a free street address and request a letter confirming that address in order to vote.
- **If your ID isn't current, bring supplemental documentation.** A utility bill, bank statement, or any document issued by a tribal government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), other tribal agencies or authorities, or any other document, letter, writing, enrollment card, or other forms of tribal identification can provide the missing or outdated information (name, current residential street address or mailing address, and date of birth).
- **Voter affidavits are OUT. "Set-aside" ballots are IN.** If you forget your ID or supplemental documents, you can vote using a "set-aside" ballot. If you vote this way, you have to return to the polling place on the day of the election or go to your County Auditor office before the meeting of the County Canvassing Board six days after the election. This year it will occur on the seventh day because the sixth day is the Veteran's Day holiday.

**VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT.**